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Miss Sara B. DeForeest
Executive Director
Laymen's National Committee
165 West 46th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss DeForeest:

Thank you for your invitation for me to furnish you with my "Favorite Prayer," which you desire to distribute as one of "The Prayers of the Week" to some 6,000 newspaper editors across the nation.

My favorite prayer was composed in 1848 by Oliver Wendell Holmes, and it is printed in the Army-Navy Hymnal. Verses 1 and 4 of the 4-verse prayer poem constitute my favorite and read as follows:

"Lord of all being, throned afar, Thy glory
flames from sun and star; Center and Soul of
every sphere, yet to each loving heart how near!
...Grant us Thy truth to make us free, and
kindling hearts that burn for Thee, till all
Thy living altars claim one holy light, one
heavenly flame."

Again, thank you for this opportunity to assist your non-sectarian organization in promoting better understanding

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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